

Church, and our highest respects to the Irishmen who have fought the good fight and kept the faith? Do not then inquire why we rejoice with you and claim a share of your felicity. It is always a happy occasion for an elder brother, to congratulate a younger one on his successful and heroic achievements.

Pray, do not imagine that this is simply a rhetorical display. No, gentlemen, "truth has such a mien that to be loved needs but to be seen." We worship the same God, are members of the same infallible Church, love and obey the same venerable and wise old man who sits on the Throne of the Fisherman. His laws, or rather the laws which Jesus has committed to his safe-keeping and which we both acknowledge,—are they not, these laws the very sanction of order and the stay of governments? And, as such, the Catholic Canadian that follows them must be trustworthy.

Indeed, gentlemen, trustworthy he is in the fullest meaning of the word and in every line of national industry. In his public and private career, he speaks but the truth, and acts as he speaks.

The sincerity of the true Catholic Canadian has never been doubted or questioned. Like his spiritual Master he is generous and liberal-minded. Charity guides him in all his social and commercial relations: he forgets injuries, seeks no revenge and never deceives. If you wish to know exactly what is Christian tolerance, observe—not those that in public life have constantly this word on their lips—but observe the true Catholic Canadian. Though tolerant, he is not cowardly. He respects the liberty of others, but allows no one to trample on his rights. Justice, and justice alone, is what he seeks, and he fights for it. Mighty in the justice of his cause, he is noble and firm in his claims. Besides, God has gifted him with various and precious intellectual qualities too well known to be dwelt upon here. In fact, in every walk of life, the true Catholic Canadian has proved himself to be a perfect citizen, industrious, economical, honest, peaceful, intelligent, trustworthy, a loyal and self-sacrificing patriot. I believe that an element, such as the Catholic Canadian element, which fosters such men, peoples its lands with such citizens and patriots, favors the blossoming of such virtues, such an element, I maintain is giving to its country a far worthier boon for its future welfare and real prosperity, than all that wealth, commerce, industry of any kind will ever be able to guarantee.

United under one belief, Catholic Canadians are also bound together by a common national ideal. With all their energies they